Pay-ward in the General Hospital.

210 *MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of rooms in the pay-ward section of the General Hospital ;

(*b*) whether each of such rooms is well fitted with the necessary furniture and other convenience like chairs, tables, shelves, proper cots with mosquito curtains, beddings, etc. ;

(*c*) whether any reading materials, like newspapers and magazines, are supplied for the use of such of the patients as may find them useful ; and

(*d*) the number of warders, the number of hours that each of them has to attend and work in the pay-ward as well as in other wards, and

(*e*) whether the rooms in the pay-ward are free from mosquitoes?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Seven. Four rooms in the pay-ward building and three rooms in the general wards.

(*b*) All the rooms are fitted with the necessary furniture.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Two warders are on duty ; each taking duty from 7 A. M., to 11 A. M., the following day, alternately.

(*e*) Not completely.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan, Officiating Director of Public Instruction.

211 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many years' service Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan has put in in the Education Department; and

(*b*) whether Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan, the Ag. Director of Public Instruction, is the seniormost officer in the Education Department in the State ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Over 22 years.

(*b*) The Head of the Department is obviously the most senior officer in the Department.

Rubber Manufacture.

212 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any Travancorean having experience in the manufacture of rubber articles ;

(b) whether any arrangement is made for the training of Travancoreans in the Rubber Factory ; and

(*c*) whether the services of Mr. Helen, the Rubber Expert, would be available for training Travancoreans ?

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MR T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) The matter is under consideration.

Town-Planning Staff.

213 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) excluding the two Special Officers appointed for the Town Planning Work, how many subordinates, including the clerks, surveyors, lascars, peons, etc., were appointed for the work;

(*b*) who selected or appointed the subordinates;

(*c*) on what basis the subordinates were selected;

(*d*) why the selection was not left to the Public Service Commissioner;

(*e*) the qualifications of those who were appointed; and

(*f*) whether they will be pleased to lay on the table a caste-war statement of persons who were appointed in the Town-Planning Work, with their qualifications, age, salary and native place, respectively?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*):

	P. W. D. staff.	*Revenue staff.*
(*a*)	32. (Temporary staff 6. Work establishment staff 26).	20
(*b*)	The Chief Engineer and the Division Officer.	Government and the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner.

(*c*) Qualification, experience and suitability for the work.

(*d*) The appointments were made by posting men already in the P. W. D. and Revenue Departments. The work establishment staff does not come within the purview of the Public Service Commissioner. Two copyists and four peons were appointed without consulting the Public Service Commissioner on account of urgency.

(*e*) The P. W. D. staff possesses the qualifications necessary for the posts the members hold. The qualifications of the Revenue staff are given in the statement placed on the table.

(*f*) Statements containing the information are placed on the table.

Sanatorium in the Devicolam Taluk.

214. *MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Health has submitted any report to Government regarding the site for a sanatorium in the Devicolam taluk;

(*b*) if so, what was the report; and

(*c*) whether copies of the report could be placed on the table?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The report showed that the site proposed was not a suitable one for the sanatorium.

(*c*) No.

Vide Appendix II.

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